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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON CERDS, NIEO AND THE SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION

REF: A. STATE 133602 B. DUBLIN 1076 C. EC BRUSSELS 5485

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WE HAVE INFORMED THE EC COMMISSION OF US
APPROACHES TO EC MEMBER STATES CONCERNING REFERENCES TO CERDS
AND THE NIEO RESOLUTIONS IN UN FORA. OUR COMMISSION CONTACTS
WELCOME CONSULTATIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION
BUT NOTE THAT THE EC HAS ONLY JUST LAUNCHED ITS INTERNAL EFFORTS
TO PULL TOGETHER A POSITION AND SUGGEST CONSULTATIONS BIL-
ATERALLY OR WITHIN THE OECD FRAMEWORK AS WELL AS ON THE FRINGES
OF THE PREPARATORY SESSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS ON JUNE 24 WE SPOKE WITH ALBERT MAES
IN DG-I (EXTERNAL RELATIONS), WHO DEALS WITH EC PARTICIPATION IN
THE UN, AND DIETER FRISCH IN DG-VIII (DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION)
WHO IS COORDINATING DG-VIII PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION UNDER COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON. WE INFORMED THEM OF THE
APPROACHES BEING MADE IN MEMBER STATE CAPITALS PURSUANT TO
REF A AND DISCUSSED EC PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL
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SESSION. BOTH OFFICIALS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AT BEING

KEPT INFORMED AND URGED THAT SUCH EXCHANGES CONTINUE AS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING APPROACHES.

3. CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US DEMARCHE, IN PARTICULAR THE DESIRE FOR CONCERTATION OF DC POSITIONS, THEY EMPHASIZED THE DIFFICULTIES THE EC ITSELF FACES IN COORDINATING THE NINE, THAT THIS PROCESS IS JUST GETTING UNDER WAY, AND THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT GIVEN THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF VIEWS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THE "EC" POSITION ON THE COMPLEX OF ISSUES, SHOULD IT EMERGE AS SUCH, IS LIKELY TO BE MORE CONCILIATORY THAN THAT OF THE US, BASED ON A COMPROMISE FALLING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND GERMAN EXTREMES. NEVERTHELESS THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZES THAT THE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN SEPTEMBER REQUIRE CLOSE COORDINATION AMONG THE DCS AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION WITH LDCS. THEY WOULD WELCOME SUCH CONSULTATIONS EITHER BILATERALLY OR WITHIN THE OECD FRAMEWORK. THEY ALSO SEE THE NEED FOR STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THE FRINGES OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, HOWEVER. ACTIVITY IN THE EC WILL GRIND TO A HALT WITH THE AUGUST RECESS SO THE COMMISSION IS PRESSING TO ARRIVE AT THE MAIN OUTLINES OF A COMMUNITY POSITION BY THE END OF JULY.

4. WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VISIT OF COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON ON JULY 14 (REF C) FOR A HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES. GREENWALD

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